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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 123 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/47/824.

2. At its 68th, 69th, 72nd and 75th meetings, on 18, 23 and 27 August and 7 September 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (A/47/733/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/982).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.41

3. At the 75th meeting, on 7 September 1993, the representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.41.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.41 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SIRE.68, 69, 72 and 75).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 717 (1991) of 16 October 1991, 718 (1991) of 31 October 1991, 728 (1992) of 8 January 1992, 745 (1992) of 28 February 1992, 766 (1992) of 21 July 1992, 783 (1992) of 13 October 1992, 792 (1992) of 30 November 1992, 810 (1993) of 8 March 1993, 826 (1993) of 20 May 1993, 835 (1993) of 2 June 1993 and 840 (1993) of 15 June 1993,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia and of the Transitional Authority are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Authority with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the financial situation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears,

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1/ A/47/733/Add.1.

2/ A/47/982.

Expressing deep concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on these countries,

Noting that the amount referred to in section IV of the report of the Secretary-General has been revised to 13 million United States dollars,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia and the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia promptly and in full;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to explore all possibilities in order to ensure prompt reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;

4. Decides, at this stage, to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, an amount of 85 million United States dollars net to meet the additional requirements of the Transitional Authority for the period from 1 May to 31 July 1993 and for the continued operation of the Transitional Authority from 1 August 1993 to the end of its mandate, in accordance with Security Council resolution 860 (1993) of 27 August 1993, in addition to the total amount of 1,397,191,600 dollars gross (1,376,845,400 dollars net) already appropriated for the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority, inclusive of the amount of 236 million dollars authorized and apportioned with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee under the terms of paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 47/209 of 22 December 1992 for the period from 1 May to 31 July 1993;

5. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 85 million dollars net, for the period from 1 May 1993 to the end of its mandate, in accordance with Security Council resolution 860 (1993), among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

6. Decides further to establish the contributions of Andorra, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco and Slovakia to the Transitional Authority in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for those Member States not later than its forty-eighth session;

7. Invites the new Member States mentioned in paragraph 6 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

8. Invites voluntary contributions to the Transitional Authority in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by

the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a detailed and up-to-date performance report on the budget of the Transitional Authority for the period from 1 November 1991 to the end of its mandate, in accordance with Security Council resolution 860 (1993);

10. Decides that the disposition of the property of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia shall proceed on the basis of the principle that the equipment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia should, wherever possible and cost-effective, be transferred to other missions, and in this connection endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to the disposition of the equipment, 3/ and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the disposition on this basis;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to present a report early at the forty-eighth session providing a detailed explanation for the donation of certain assets to the Government of Cambodia along with the proposals for the donation of any remaining assets which cannot be transferred to other missions;

12. Decides, with regard to section IV of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ that the Secretary-General of the United Nations may use, on an extraordinary and temporary basis, an amount from the existing reserves equivalent to the pledges received and that repayment of any reserves so utilized shall be the first charge on receipts from voluntary contributions, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Advisory Committee, on the financial situation with regard to the joint interim administration referred to in section IV of his report, including proposals on this matter;

13. Invites Member States and other States in a position to do so to respond positively to the Secretary-General's appeal for voluntary contributions for financial assistance to the joint interim administration of Cambodia;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit revised cost estimates related to the liquidation of the Transitional Authority, scheduled to start on 1 September 1993;

15. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to 100 million dollars to meet the costs associated with the initial liquidation of the Transitional Authority over the period from 1 September to 31 December 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

16. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on action taken with regard to paragraph 15 of the present resolution;

3/ See A/47/990.

17. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Authority is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia".